

Food and Drug Administration Rockville, MD 20857

March 19, 2004

Peter R. Mathers Kleinfeld, Kaplan and Becker, 1140 19th Street, N.W. Washington, DC 20036

Dear Mr. Mathers:

Your petition for stay of action submitted on behalf of King Pharmaceuticals, Inc. requesting the Food and Drug Administration to stay approval of any generic metaxalone products until the Agency has fully evaluated and ruled upon King's March 18, 2004 Citizen Petition, was received by this office on 03/19/2004. It was assigned docket number 2004P-0140/PSA 1 and it was filed on 03/19/2004. Please refer to this docket number in future correspondence on this subject with the Agency.

Please note that the acceptance of the petition for filing is a procedural matter in that it in no way reflects an agency decision on the substantive merits of the petition.

Sincerely,

Gloria Ortega
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